

United States Department of Agriculture

Marketing and Regulatory Programs

Agricultural Marketing Service

P.O.Box 96456 Washington, DC 20090-6456 Please Note: New vendors and subcontractors must supply all of the required paperwork (Solicitation Mailing List Application, SF-129, Appendix I, Financial Statement, and 3 Reference Letters) prior to bid opening (April 10, 2003) or your company may be considered non-responsible.

FV-202

Fruit and Vegetable Programs

No offers will be made to 8(a) vendors.

Date Issued: April 7, 2003

Canned Vegetables, Announcement FV-202, Invitation 100.

The Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell canned vegetables as indicated below and per the Announcement for donation to the Disaster Relief Feeding Program. Offers are due by 1 p.m., Central Time, Thursday, April 10, 2003. Acceptances will be announced by midnight, April 14, 2003. Deliveries are to be made from May 1, 2003 to May 15, 2003.

Offers are invited from the trade for:

Mixed Vegetables

24/300

1,620 cases

Bids must be submitted electronically via the Domestic Electronic Bid Entry System (DEBES) on the Internet. Offeror must be assigned a Logon ID by USDA to access the site. The Internet address is: http://pcsd.usda.gov/debes which translates into a connection of https://pcsd.usda.gov:3077/mdbc1000.exe? Once connected, follow the online procedures. A 'HELP' button provides detailed instructions for using the system or call 202-720-4517 for assistance.

Bidders are cautioned to bid only quantities they can reasonably expect to produce and deliver in accordance with the contract. Inquiries about Announcement FV-202, Appendix-1, the Commodity Specification for Canned Vegetables dated June 1999, or this Invitation should be directed to the Contracting Officer, USDA/AMS/Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Commodity Procurement Branch STOP 0239, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20250-0239, telephone (202) 720-4517. An electronic version of this invitation can be obtained through the World Wide Web via the Commodity Procurement Home Page at http://www.ams.usda.gov/cp.

Purchases will be made on a delivered basis, subject to Announcement FV-202, to the listed locations. Delivery by trucks or railcars is optional to the contractor, except for those destination(s) which specify delivery by truck only or rail only.

Split shipments are indicated by single asterisk.



ANNOUNCEMENT : FV202 INVITATION : 100

COMM GROUP : 36 VEGETABLES, CANNED

COMM TYPE : 55 MIXED VEGETABLES, CANNED

PACK SIZE : 24 24/#300 CAN

ITEM NO	DESTINATION CITY	ST	TRANS RESTR	QUANTITY (CSE)	PRICE PER (CSE)
DELIVE	RY PERIOD 05/	01/03	- 05/15/03		
001 L	OS ANGELES/FAS	CA T	RUCK ONLY	1,620	
TOTAL (QUANTITY FOR C	OMMODI	TY TYPE	1,620	
TOTAL (QUANTITY FOR I	NVITAT	ION	1,620	

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